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1. A few weeks ago, eastern-zone newspapers carried articles to the effect that beginning 1 January 1949 meat quotas to be filled by agriculture would be determined not by the quantity of livestock held, but by the number of hectares of tilled soil (1 hectare equals 4 Morgen). The hope was expressed that the new method of computing the meat quota would induce farmers to enlarge their livestock.
2. In the meantime, information has leaked out from the Central Administration of Forestry and Agriculture that the meat quota will be 76 pounds per hectare of tilled soil. Apparently, a uniform quota system will be applied, regardless of the quantity of livestock held or the number of hectares of tilled land. This would mean that a farm consisting of approximately 2,000 Morgen of tilled land would have to deliver about 380 hundredweight of meat, corresponding to approximately 190 hogs.
3. Well informed circles are doubtful that the farmers will be able to meet the quotas, which, under present conditions, will have to be filled for the most part in pigs. They point out the insufficient number of pigsties available, the lack of fodder, and the difficulties encountered in raising large numbers of shoats within a short period.
4. It is generally feared that the inability of the farmers to meet the high meat quota will be used as a pretext to expropriate their farms for reasons of alleged sabotage.

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